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Identical letters dated 30 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write to you for the second time in less than two weeks to inform you that yet another citizen of Israel has been brutally murdered by Palestinian terrorists. Malachi Moshe Rosenfeld, age 26, was shot and killed while driving home from playing basketball with his friends, who were also severely injured in the attack and remain hospitalized. Malachi had taken responsibility for taking care of his family after his older brother died in a tragic accident 13 years ago. This cruel murder is an unbearable tragedy for his family and his community.

In the two weeks since the beginning of Ramadan, even as Israel has taken steps to facilitate holiday celebrations, there has been a dramatic increase in attacks against Israelis. Each day seems to bring with it news of a shooting attack or a stabbing. Just yesterday, a terrorist stabbed a 19-year-old female soldier next to Rachel's Tomb, causing severe injuries. These attacks are a direct result of incitement by the Palestinian Authority in the media and in its education system. Even after this latest incident, the leadership of the Palestinian Authority remains silent, failing to condemn the murder of innocent people.

These attacks are part of a global surge of terrorism. We have all been witness to the horrific terror attacks of last week in France, Tunisia and Kuwait, which the Secretary-General condemned "in the strongest terms". We join in the Secretary-General's call that "those responsible for these appalling acts of violence must be swiftly brought to justice" and that "these heinous attacks will only strengthen the commitment of the United Nations to help defeat those bent on murder, destruction and the annihilation of human development and culture".

I expect the Security Council to condemn the terrorist attacks in Israel in an equally decisive manner. Terror is terror, no matter where it takes place or who is harmed. The people of Israel deserve the same level of concern and empathy as any other people in the world.

I call on the Secretary-General, and on the Security Council, to condemn this act of terror unequivocally and to call on the leadership of the Palestinian Authority to condemn this heinous murder as well.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Ron **Prosor**
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